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TO: Herbert A. Tessler, Supervisor, Funct. Coord., WTC
FROM: Irv Soffer
DATE: June 3, 1965
SUBJECT: FIREPROOFING MATERIALS - VONCO

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COPY TO: Messrs. L. Feld, M. Levy

One of the fireproofing materials that we have been investigating for The World Trade Center is a material called "Vonco". This material showed a lot of promise; however, there has been no installations in the East.

In order that we can examine this spray-on application more closely, I have arranged with the Central Maintenance Engineering Division, through Mr. Al West, to have a test installation done for the Port Authority. CMED has a small construction job to be done in the basement of the Port Authority Building. They will specify the "Vonco" application for the beam fireproofing.

The Engineering Department is doing the normal review for the O & M contract drawings and specifications. CMED suggested that I discuss this new material with Engineering so that they can include this "Vonco" in their review. I have discussed this with Mr. R. Winters and he has no problems and will expedite his review, so that the "Vonco" can be included in the contract.

The "Vonco" material is a lightweight cementitious spray-on material that has an Underwriters Laboratory beam rating of 3 hours, for only a 5/8" thick application. I feel that this material can also be used for general P. A. use. There has been a strong need for durable type, lightweight spray-on fireproofing.

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